

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide financing assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land."

Passed by the House on May 6, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 101, Nays 37, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Received: May 30, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

H.J.R No. 27

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the number of precincts in Chambers County.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article V, Section 18(a), of the Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each county in the State with a population of 30,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than four and not more than eight precincts. Each county in the State with a population of 18,000 or more but less than 30,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than five precincts. Each county in the State with a population of less than 18,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be designated as a single precinct or, if the Commissioners Court determines that the county needs more than one precinct, shall be divided into not more than four precincts. *Notwithstanding the population requirements of this subsection, Chambers County, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than six precincts.* A ~~The~~ division or designation under this subsection shall be made by the Commissioners Court provided for by this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected one Justice of the Peace and one Constable, each of whom shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided that in any precinct in which there may be a city of 18,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two Justices of the Peace.

SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) *This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, relating to the number of precincts in Chambers County.*

(b) *The constitutional amendment takes effect January 1, 1986.*

(c) *This temporary provision takes effect on the adoption of the amendment by the voters and expires January 2, 1986.*

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing Chambers County to be divided into two to six precincts."

Passed by the House on March 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Received: May 23, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

H.J.R No. 54

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to enact laws permitting a city or town to spend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of water laterals on private property.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article XI, Section 12, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. The legislature by general law may authorize a city or town to expend public funds for the relocation or replacement of sanitation sewer laterals *or water laterals* on private property if the relocation or replacement is done in conjunction with or immediately following the replacement or relocation of sanitation sewer mains *or water mains* serving the property. The law must authorize the city or town to affix, with the consent of the owner of the private property, a lien on the property for the cost of relocating or replacing the ~~[sewer]~~ laterals on the property and must provide that the cost shall be assessed against the property with repayment by the property owner to be amortized over a period not to exceed five years at a rate of interest to be set as provided by the law. The lien may not be enforced until after five years have expired since the date the lien was affixed.

SECTION 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to enact laws permitting a city or town to spend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of water laterals on private property."

Passed by the House on May 14, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Received: May 30, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

H.J.R No. 72

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require the prior approval of the expenditure or emergency transfer of other appropriated funds.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article XVI of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Section 69 to read as follows:

Sec. 69. *The legislature may require, by rider in the General Appropriations Act or by separate statute, the prior approval of the expenditure or the emergency transfer of any funds appropriated to the agencies of state government.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to protect public funds by authorizing prior approval of expenditure or emergency transfer of state appropriations."

Passed by the House on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 72 on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Received: May 30, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

H.J.R No. 73

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to allow political subdivisions to purchase certain mutual insurance.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III, Section 52(a), of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows: